



Cavalry Soldiers Relocation Project

The SAVMC Foundation is requesting assistance from Organizations and Individuals to support this historic project.

Project Summary and Description of the project

Project Mission

The mission is to build a dedicated Cavalry Memorial Cemetery inside the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC). This cemetery within a cemetery will be built to resemble the historic likeness of the Ft. Huachuca Post Cemetery. This project will be designed and built on approximately one acre of land inside the SAVMC.

The cemetery will have a 3 to 3.5 foot stone wall surrounding the perimeter of this project. There will be a historic wrought iron "olden" style entrance gate, approximately 60 marble headstones, and one Unknown Soldiers monument. An educational information monument will be placed describing the history and events leading to this Cavalry Cemetery.

This project will serve as a historical memorial tribute to those soldiers from the past. Educational placards will be placed to educate visitors on the history of those buried at this site and the significant historical events of that era.

History: The Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC) was contacted by Roger Anyon, Project Coordinator with the Pima County Administrators Office, Archeological Historic Preservation. Mr. Anyon, head of the "Joint Courts Archeological Project" asked the State of Arizona if we had interest in taking these soldiers and providing them with a final resting





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place at the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC). We accepted with great honor. We are now partnering in cooperation with Pima County Joint Courts Project Commission on the details, research and arrangements for relocating these historic soldiers to SAVMC. The target date for relocation is October 2008.

Mr. Anyon is currently in the process of recovering approximately 60 remains of Cavalry and Infantry soldiers from the 1860s to 1884. These soldiers are buried beneath a parking lot located in downtown Tucson near Toole and Almedia. See <http://www.pima.gov/JointCourts/index.html> for detailed history and progress of this project. This project targeted for completion in October 2008.

SAVMC: The Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery is a federally built, state operated, non profit benefit for all military veterans. The state of Arizona's operational budget only covers, operational, care, maintenance and perpetual care of the veterans Cemetery.

This project is a not appropriated by state funds. It is an "extra" addition, which needs community funding. After the project is completed, the state of Arizona will continue to maintain and care for this area under their operational budget.

A special memorial monument will be constructed for those organizations or individuals who donate over a specific amount money or materials for this project.

The project area will have low water desert landscape.

Describe how this project meets the Legacy Project criteria.





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- This project is a historic memorial cemetery that is being constructed for those soldiers who have served in, but are not limited to, the era of 1860 to 1886 time period. The intent of this project is to intern, memorialize and pay tribute to those historic soldiers of the past.
- The Arizona State Museum Associate Curator, Archaeology John H Madsen, Director of Historic Department of Statistical Research Inc is currently validating and analyzing approximately 60 remains of Cavalry and Infantry Soldiers from that era. The Joint Courts Project is governed by the Pima County Government Archeological Section. They are currently linking historic documents to these soldier's remains, in order to identify those individual soldier's, unit assignments, and ranks. Additional efforts from the United Veterans' Council of Greater Sierra Vista, are exploring additional identity and researching tools that will help find out the history these soldiers. This research will give a educational historic of these soldiers in the early territorial occupations and battles of the southwest.
- This project is a community based project with over sight from the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery administration. The Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Foundation, a non profit organization, has created a special committee to specifically plan, coordinated, raise funds, and help design the Cavalry Memorial Cemetery. The committee is meetings is opened to the public and there are no restrictions for being a member of this special committee.
- CSRP committee's intent is to work in collaboration with local, statewide organizations, business and volunteers in accomplishing the goal of constructing this historic memorial. Currently, we have a





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commitment from a Master Landscaper who plans to volunteer her expertise in designing a low water, desert adaptive landscape for this project.

- The United Veterans' Council has committed their resources in coordinating the dedication, and the memorial ceremony for this project.
- This construction will be made from materials that will endure past the year 2012. The majority of the construction is stone mason, Iron Gate entrances', and desert landscaping, with granite and marble monuments. The SAVMC will be responsible for the perpetual care, and maintenance of this cemetery for the life of the SAVMC. SAVMC operational life is indefinite under the state of Arizona strategic planning.
- SAVMC is in discussion with the Sierra Vista Historic Society in adding this historic project to the Sierra Vista historical walk.
- The SAVMC is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no fee based admissions. The Cavalry Memorial Cemetery will be the first memorial seen as you entering the Veterans' Cemetery.

Project timeline. Give details regarding planning and implementation.

The Cavalry Soldier Relocation Project Committee (CSRPC) has scheduled meetings the 2nd Thursday of every month at the SAVMC at 4:00pm.

Design and prints will need to be completed by September 2007.

Construction of this project can start July 2008 or at a date indicated by contractor to ensure total completion by October 2008.





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Veterans Administration will need 90 days to order the individual marble upright headstone for the 60 Cavalry soldiers.

The building Historic Iron Entrance gates will need to be ordered approximately 6 months prior to target construction date.

The target date the Joint Service Project intend to release the 60 soldier's remains, is October 2008. The dedication ceremony is planned for Veterans' Day November 2008.

Describe the project location

This project is on approximately one acre area has been designated for this project. This is state owned land, and there is no procurement cost. The area is located between two roads inside the cemetery. A blue print diagram already exist are this area. (See page 6 and 7 for diagram)









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Legend

- Grave markers 
- Electrical Wire 
- Low water plants 
- Low water landscape 



Memorial monument to Cavalry soldiers

Educational historical summary monument.

Front Gate, old style, wrought iron.

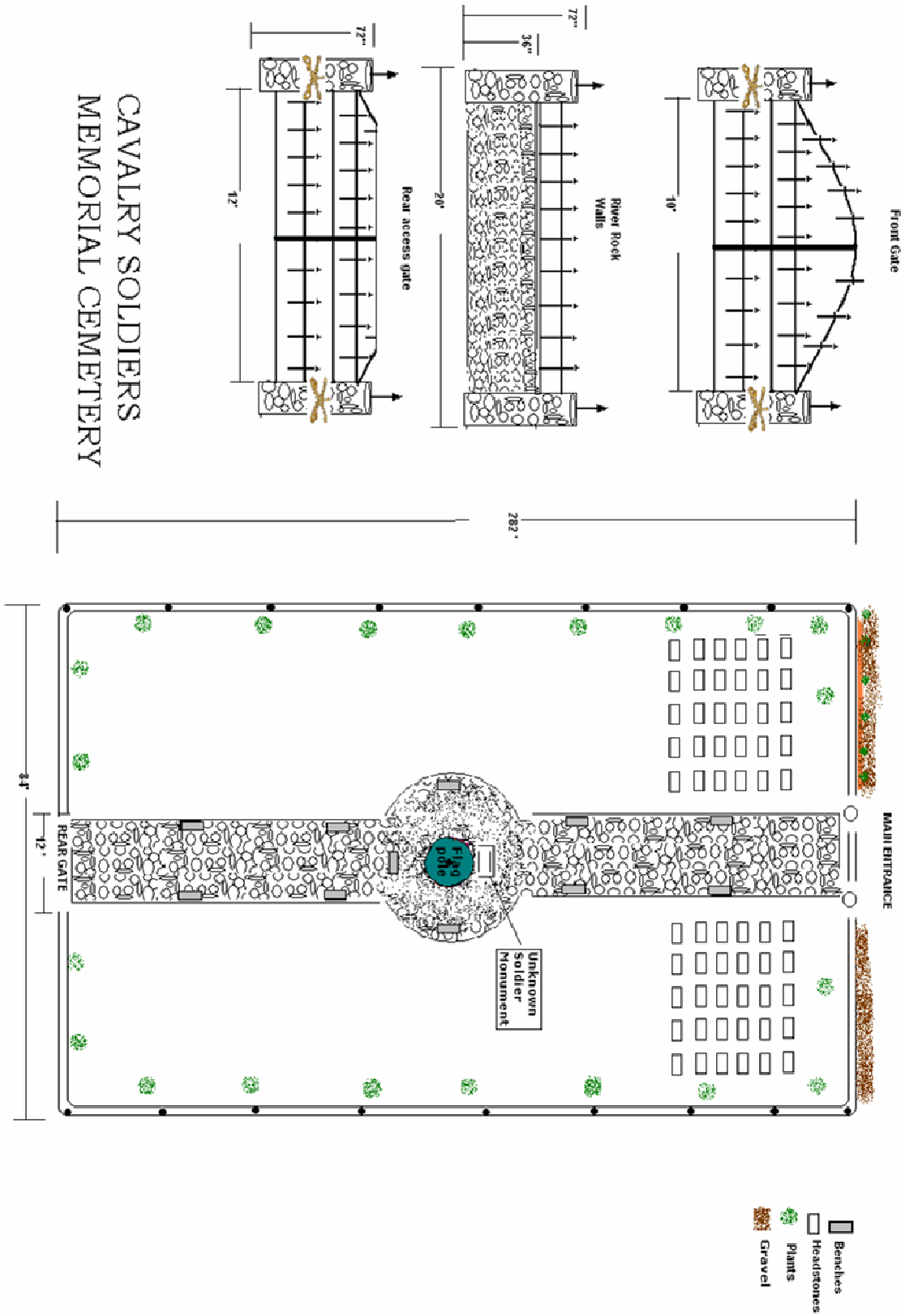
Rear maintenance access gate.

3 Foot stone wall





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We have submitted a request for United State Veterans' Affair (USVA) to purchase 60 upright marble monuments for Cavalry gravesites.

Excavator, front-end loader, T-rex Bucket.

RESOURCES NEEDED

This project cost is estimated at \$65,000. The SAVMC is requesting either monetary or specifics of material donations for this project.

Some of the specific costly materials include:

- Low water plants. (cost \$5,000)
- Landscape gravel, stone and concert. (cost \$10,000)
- Materials for constructing a 3 foot stone wall. (cost \$20,000)
- Labor. (cost \$20,000)
- Monuments and a custom design gate. (cost \$10,000)

The Southern Arizona Veteran's Memorial Foundation (SAVMC Foundation) has been sanctioned by the state of Arizona to raise funds and resources for this project.

The SAVMC has created a special team called the Cavalry Soldier Relocation Project Committee (CSRPC). CSRPC will develop, design, raise funds, and handle public affairs regarding this historic project. The committee will be made up of anyone interested in being part of this project.

The meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:00pm in the SAVMC administration building's conference room





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CSRPC Committee's Mission Statement

Mission: The Committee mission is to assist Arizona Department of Veterans' Services in overseeing the construction and landscaping, designing, planning, community outreach in financial and material contributions, and the coordination and ceremonial arrival of (60) cavalry and infantry veterans' from the Joints Courts Archeological Project (JCAP).

Vision: The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery wants to develop a historic, monumental tribute to these soldiers from the past by designing and creating a historic cemetery paying special tribute to them.

Purpose: Through regular meetings, online and offline communication, and clubs, the CSRPC committee promotes community support for this project.

Authority: The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC) sanctions the SAVMC Foundation to pursue this project.

Conclusion

This project is a historic endeavor bringing history to this area. The project's intent is to memorialize those veterans from early days before Arizona became a state.

Thank you in advance for any considerations for assistance in this project.

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